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YASUO SUZUKI ET AL.

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Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendments submitted to the Office on May 27, 2003, and September 26, 2003, and prior to examination. Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 8.